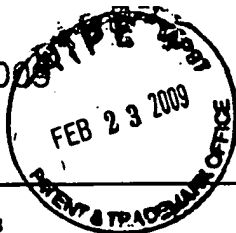


Receipt date: 02/23/2009



Combined Form PTO/SB/08A&B <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</u> <u>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</u> <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<i>Complete if Known</i>	
				Application Number	10/553,958
				Confirmation Number	9974
				Application Filing Date	October 19, 2005
				First Named Inventor	Yuuji SAIKI
				Art Unit	1791
Examiner Name	Mathieu D. Vargot				
Attorney Docket Number	053230				
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ³ (if known)		
	1	US 6,337,369	B1	01-08-2002	Isozaki
	2	US 2003/0137732	A1	07-24-2003	Sugino et al.
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
	3	JP	10-142422 (w/English abs)	A	05-29-1998	Nippon Synthetic Chem. Ind.	
	4	JP	2002-174726 (w/English abs)	A	06-21-2002	Kuraray Co.	
	5	JP	10-319236 (w/English abs)	A	12-04-1998	Kuraray Co.	
	6	JP	2003-279748 (w/English abs)	A	10-02-2003	Nitto Denko Corp.	
	7	JP	9-292524 (w/English abs)	A	11-11-1997	Nippon Synthetic Chem. Ind.	
	8	JP	2003-121644 (w/English abs)	A	04-23-2003	Nitto Denko Corp.	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
	9	Japanese Office Action dated January 7, 2009, issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-119759.	NO

Examiner Signature	/Mathieu Vargot/	Date Considered	08/29/2009
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /M.V./